In closing, there are some sentences to add about Yakut religious beliefs according to the latest research. According to the results of the Russian scholar Jonow, the entire spiritual world of the Yakuts is parallel to the life on earth. All the natural phenomena- water, land, animals, plants, and also the destiny of man-- are in close association with the "spirits" who exist as individual possessive or ruling spirits. In the Yakut pantheon there are four different groups of spirits that we are able to distinguish: first, the Ajȳ, the spirits who are related to the creation and birth; secondly, the Iĕĕi, the possessive spirits; thirdly, the Abasȳ, who are probably to be described as destructive devouring spirits; and last the Üör, the present life form of the human soul. To this could be added minor spirits of the sky, rivers, etc. Only [13] the four first mentioned are important in Yakut life. The residence of the spirits is in an upper, middle, and lower sphere. In the upper sphere lives Ürünj Ajȳ Tojon, the white creator lord, and Ulütujar Utü Tojon, the boasting and frightening lord. In the lower sphere lives the terrifying Arsan Duolai. The Iĕĕi live, with few exceptions, in the middle sphere, but they usually stay a little under this sphere just like the Ajȳ. The Üör live either in the earth or in the clouds and belong also to the middle sphere. The Ürünj Ajȳ Tojon has the residence, according to some people, in the Zenith, and according to others, in the northwest regions. The Ulütujar Ulü Tojon lives in the west and the Arsan Dulai either in the southwest or in the northwest. The Ajȳ and Iĕĕi live in the east and it is believed that the Abāsy dwells mostly in

the west. All these spirits living in different worlds and lands are actually completely unconnected to one another. Rather each of them is an independent ruler in his own region and has his own economic activities and his own herd. Ideas about a paradise or hell do not exist among the Yakuts, neither is there any idea about guilt or about good and bad in our concepts of the words. Sickness and misfortune are due to neglect of the spirits. To find out the cause of neglect as well as the way to pacify the spirits is the duty of the powerful and wise man. There exist special types of witchdoctors (algāččy), "hysterics" (manarik), prophets (körbüöččy), magicians (ičän), and male (ojūn) and female (udagan) shamans. Myths about the creation of the world and mankind are completely lacking among the Yakuts, and for this reason there is even doubt that world and mankind even exist.